

Amendments to the Claims

1 1. *(currently amended)* A sanitary door opener adapted to be mounted to a door having a
2 bottom edge, a front panel and a rear panel, said sanitary door opener comprising (a) a bottom face
3 having a depth corresponding to the depth of said bottom edge of said door; (b) a front face; (c)
4 a rear face, and (d) a top face extending outwardly from said rear face at an angle of 90° or less;

5 wherein, said sanitary door opener is installed onto ~~said a~~ door by sliding said door opener
6 under ~~said a~~ door such that said bottom face contacts ~~said a~~ bottom edge of a door, said front face
7 contacts ~~said a~~ front panel of a door and said rear face contacts ~~said a~~ rear panel of a door, and
8 securing said front face to ~~said a~~ front panel and said rear face to ~~said a~~ rear panel.

1 2. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a plurality
2 of apertures in each of said front face and said rear face, each of said plurality of apertures adapted
3 to receive a screw in such a manner that said front face can be screw-mounted to said front panel and
4 said rear face can be screw-mounted to said rear panel.

1 3. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 1, wherein said front face is
2 secured to said front panel by an adhesive material and said rear face is secured to said rear panel by
3 an adhesive material.

1 4. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 1, wherein said sanitary door
2 opener is manufactured from a strong and flexible metal material.

1 5. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 4, wherein said sanitary door
2 opener is manufactured from a metal material selected from brass and stainless steel.

1 6. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 5, wherein said sanitary door
2 opener is manufactured from a single sheet of material.

1 7. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a lip which
2 extends downwardly at an angle of about 45° from said top face.

1 8. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 1, wherein said top face is
2 provided with a gripping material.

1 9. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 7, wherein said top face and said
2 lip are provided with a gripping material.

1 10. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 1, wherein said bottom face is
2 comprised of a first portion joined to said rear face and a second portion joined to said front face,
3 said first portion adapted to engage said second portion in such a manner that the depth of said
4 bottom face is adjustable.

1 11. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 1, wherein said rear face is
2 configured with a width which corresponds to the width of said rear panel, thereby conforming said
3 rear face to a conventional kick plate.

1 12. *(currently amended)* A sanitary door opener adapted to be mounted to a door having a
2 bottom edge, a front panel and a rear panel, said sanitary door opener comprising (a) a bottom face
3 having a depth corresponding to the depth of said bottom edge of said door; (b) a front face; (c)
4 a rear face; (d) a top face extending outwardly from said rear face at an angle of 90° or less, and (e)
5 a lip extending downwardly at an angle of about 45° from said top face;

6 wherein, said sanitary door opener is installed onto ~~said~~ a door by sliding said door opener
7 under ~~said~~ a door such that said bottom face contacts ~~said~~ a bottom edge, said front face contacts
8 ~~said~~ a front panel and ~~said~~ a rear face contacts said rear panel, and securing said front face to ~~said~~
9 a front panel and said rear face to ~~said~~ a rear panel.

1 13. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 12, wherein said sanitary door
2 opener is manufactured from a single sheet of material.

1 14. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 12, wherein said top face and said
2 lip are provided with a gripping material.

1 15. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 12, wherein said bottom face is
2 comprised of a first portion joined to said rear face and a second portion joined to said front face,
3 said first portion adapted to engage said second portion in such a manner that the depth of said
4 bottom face is adjustable.

1 16. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 12, wherein said rear face is
2 configured with a width which corresponds to the width of said rear panel, thereby conforming said
3 rear face to a conventional kick plate.

1 17. *(currently amended)* A sanitary door opener adapted to be mounted to a door having a
2 bottom edge, a front panel and a rear panel, said sanitary door opener comprising

3 (a) a bottom face having a depth corresponding to the depth of said bottom edge of said
4 door;

5 (b) a front face having a width between about six inches (6") and about twelve inches
6 (12");

7 (c) a rear face having a width between about six inches (6") and about twelve inches
8 (12");

9 (d) a top face extending outwardly from said rear face at an angle of 90° or less, said top
10 face having a width of between about two inches (2") and about four inches (4"), and

11 (e) a lip extending downwardly at an angle of about 45° from said top face, said lip
12 having the same width as said top face;

13 wherein, said sanitary door opener is installed onto ~~said a~~ door by sliding said door opener
14 under ~~said a~~ door such that said bottom face contacts ~~said a~~ bottom edge of a door, said front face
15 contacts ~~said a~~ front panel of a door and said rear face contacts ~~said a~~ rear panel of a door, and
16 securing said front face to ~~said a~~ front panel and said rear face to ~~said a~~ rear panel.

1 18. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 17, wherein said sanitary door
opener is manufactured from a single sheet of material.

1 19. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 17, wherein said top face and said
2 lip are provided with a gripping material.

1 20. *(original)* The sanitary door opener in accordance with claim 17, wherein said bottom face is
2 comprised of a first portion joined to said rear face and a second portion joined to said front face,
3 said first portion adapted to engage said second portion in such a manner that the depth of said
4 bottom face is adjustable.